

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK



Elk & Vegetation Management Program Volunteer – Team Member: Elk Culling Project

Volunteer Application and Profile

This application is for consideration as a team member for implementation of the Rocky Mountain National Park Elk & Vegetation Management Program's elk culling project. Successful applicants will be volunteers of the National Park Service and asked to sign a volunteer agreement. In addition, there may be circumstances of program implementation in which work outside of the park boundary will be necessary. To support this possibility, successful applicants *may* be asked to sign a volunteer agreement with Colorado Division of Wildlife. Please see the Fact Sheet and Volunteer Job Description for additional details of this program.

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ SSN# (optional) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ Date of Birth _____

How did you learn of this opportunity? _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Contact's Phone Number(s) _____

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Application Number _____

Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments _____

Please answer the following questions (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Do you have any felony convictions or convicted of a domestic violence charge? If yes, please explain_____

Why do you want to volunteer for this project?_____

What aspects of this position may you have conflict with?_____

Please explain the difference between *culling* and *hunting*._____

What do you believe is the purpose of this project?_____

Describe any special skills/training/education qualifying you for this project._____

Please explain your recent job experience/responsibility._____

Have you worked for a conservation agency, or other agency, where you had to qualify with a firearm on a regular basis?_____

Describe your experience with culling._____

Have you removed elk with a firearm? Describe your experience (number of years and animals and shooting proficiency). _____

What is your experience removing other animals with a firearm? _____

Have you volunteered specifically to remove animal populations for a conservation agency? _____

Discuss your field dressing skills, particularly with elk. _____

Are you able to lift up to 100 pounds, in short lifts, repeatedly in five hour shifts? _____

Can you assist in dragging heavy loads in uneven terrain for a ½ mile or more? _____

Do you have any physical limitations preventing you from performing required duties? _____

Please describe any experience you have collecting samples for Chronic Wasting Disease. _____

Please describe any other experience you have collecting samples for biological research. _____

Have you used winches, a lift truck or other field equipment to load and hang carcasses? _____

Can you drive a large vehicle for long periods of time to move carcasses for processing?

Please explain your schedule availability, including flexibility and any limitations. _____

What experience do you have working in a team environment? _____

Please describe your knowledge/experience with the National Park Service/Rocky Mountain National Park. _____

Please describe your knowledge/experience with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. _____

Why should we select you for this project? _____

☐ I understand I will NOT be a direct recipient of meat from the animal culled on the day of my participation as a volunteer; however, I can participate in any meat recipient program implemented as part of the Elk and Vegetation Management Plan. *Initial* _____

☐ I understand if I use my personal firearm as part of this program, that firearm will be subject to an inspection by designated program staff. *Initial* _____

By signing this application, I affirm that I have read, understand and provided information that is factual, to the best of my ability. I understand, that if accepted into the program, that I will be a volunteer for both the National Park Service and the Colorado Division of Wildlife and will need to abide by their respective Volunteer Program policies and procedures. I understand, and agree, that I will be required to sign a waiver authorizing a background investigation.

Signature of Volunteer: _____ Date: _____

Applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis. Each application will be date stamped and evaluated as needed. You will be notified by December 30, 2008 with verification of your status for the winter 2008-09 volunteer season.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

**Rocky Mountain National Park
Volunteer Office – Kathleen Kelly
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Estes Park, CO 80517
Phone: 970-586-1330
E-mail: Romo_Volunteers_In_Parks@nps.gov
Fax: 970-586-1453**

**Rocky Mountain National Park
Elk Culling Project**

**VOLUNTEER APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT
AND
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RELEASE**

I have applied to the National Park Service (NPS) for a volunteer position and understand that my responses to the questions in the application and below, and the type of service for which I have applied require a criminal background investigation and driving history check. In consideration of the NPS processing of my application as a volunteer, I hereby irrevocably agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. The term "Background Investigation," as used in this document, refers generally to a check of my driving record, criminal record, and domestic violence; other verification/investigation of identity and history may occur.
2. I hereby voluntarily authorize the NPS (and/or formal designee - the Colorado Division of Wildlife) to perform a background investigation as described above.
3. It has been represented to me that all such information is confidential as it relates to any third party or entity, and that said information will not be released to any third party or entity without either my permission or a court order.
4. I authorize any person or entity contacted by the NPS' officers, agents, or employees during the course of my background investigation, to furnish to such officers, agents, or employees any information they may have regarding my identity, driving or criminal record, and hereby expressly waive any and all legal privileges I may have relating to those areas.

Pursuant to the National Park Service's acceptance of my Volunteer Application I also hereby affirm the following by initialing and circling the correct choice:

1. That **[I have been]** / **[I have not been]** convicted of any felony or misdemeanor, other than minor traffic violations not involving the use of alcohol or drugs; *Initial* _____;

AND:

2. That **[I have been]** / **[I have not been]** convicted of any hunting or fishing violations or had my hunting or fishing license privileges suspended; *Initial* _____;

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE:

I agree to notify the NPS in the event that I am convicted of any such felony or misdemeanor during my tenure as a Volunteer with said agencies.

Initial _____

I was notified that I may be required to periodically sign an affidavit of criminal history to verify continued status. By my signature below, I, _____, acknowledge that I have completed this affidavit fully and truthfully, and also authorize the NPS (and/or formal designee - the Colorado Division of Wildlife) to conduct the background investigation in order to consider me for volunteer placement. I further agree that neither the Federal Government nor the State of Colorado is liable for actions taken according to reports secured.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Date of Birth _____

Drivers License State: _____

Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____